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LC/National Library of Canada Hold Sixth Joint Meeting

The sixth meeting between representatives of the Library of Congress and the National Library of Canada was held in Washington, D.C., on May 11–13. Begun in 1977, these bilateral talks give the senior staff members of the two national libraries an opportunity to discuss areas of joint concern and to investigate new avenues for cooperation.

Taking its turn as host, the Library of Congress proposed the conference agenda and made all of the arrangements to accommodate the Canadians. More than 30 staff members from the Library of Congress, led by Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh, and 10 staff members of the National Library of Canada, led by Guy Sylvestre, National Librarian of Canada, participated.

On their arrival in Washington, Mr. Welsh welcomed the guests and discussed their program. The first afternoon was spent in two individual sessions. Library of Congress staff members and their counterparts in the National Library of Canada discussed either standards and bibliographic activities or reference and interlibrary loan services. That evening, the Canadians were provided a Capitol Hill progressive supper at the homes of several staff members.

The second and third days of meetings were filled with plenary sessions and with discussions centering around the three topics: "Standards, Bibliographic Activities and Access to Records," "Preservation," and "Networking and Resource Sharing and New Technology Implications" [see Appendix, pp. 239–40 this issue, for details].

At a special dinner in the Whittall Pavilion on the second evening of the conference, Mr. Welsh presented Dr. Sylvestre a beautifully framed facsimile of Champlain's 1607 map of the North American coast from the Library's rare map collections. The gift, given by the Library of Congress in appreciation of the increased cooperative activities between the national libraries, also honored the Canadian National Librarian's upcoming retirement.

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Library of Congress (LC) and National Library of Canada (NLC) staff members participating in the plenary session on "Preservation" were (front row, left to right) Hope Clement, NLC; Guy Sylvestre, NLC; William J. Welsh, LC; Ed Buchinski, NLC; and Roddy Duchesne, NLC; (back row, left to right) John Henry Hass, LC; Gwynneth Evans, NLC; Tom Delsey, NLC; Flora Patterson, NLC; Louis Forget, NLC; Jean Higginson, NLC; Andre Preibish, NLC; Elizabeth F. Stroup, LC; Peter Sparks, LC; Ellen Z. Hahn, LC; and Robert Colton, LC.

The final individual sessions during the afternoon of the third day of the conference focused on the technical aspects of systems and automation planning, newspaper projects, and cooperative acquisitions.

Buckdancers, Blues Musician Will Perform on August 18

Piedmont buckdancers and blues musicians Quentin "Fris" Holloway and John Dee Holeman will perform a free outdoor concert on Thursday, August 18, at 12 noon. The buckdance is a male dance which the performers learned at house parties, Saturday night dances, and breakdowns in North Carolina. Individual men at such gatherings often spent the time in between couple and group dances challenging each other to brief contests of fancy footwork. If the musicians were on break, they would accompany the dance steps with rhythmic handclapping, a practice variously called "patting juba," "handjiving," and "hamboning."

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"Fris" Holloway and John Dee Holeman take turns dancing and handclapping for each other. Both men are also blues musicians. Mr. Holeman has been a blues guitarist since he was 14. He plays the accoustic and electric guitar, inspired by the blues traditions of the Hillsborough-Durham scene where he grew up and by the "Delta" blues style. Mr. Holloway is a blues guitarist as well, but his musical reputation is largely based on his piano playing, which ranges from urban jazz to country blues.

The concert, sponsored by the Library's American Folklife Center, will take place on the Neptune Plaza in front of the Thomas Jefferson Building. In the event of rain, it will be moved indoors.

"Mapping the North American Plains" Will Open on August 10

"Mapping the North American Plains," an exhibition documenting 347 years of exploration and mapping of the North American plains by early cosmographers, explorers, soldiers, travelers, and scientists, will open at the Library of Congress on August 10. The exhibition will be on view in the sixth floor main exhibition hall of the James Madison Memorial Building.

The exhibition of more than 70 maps traces the image of the North American plains from the 16th century to the turn of the 20th century. Several of the maps were drawn by Lewis and Clark. Another map shows the battle plan of Little Big Horn drawn in 1881 by Sioux Chief Redhorse.

Characterized by smooth, treeless plains and prairies traversed by broad, shallow river valleys, the North American plains extend northward from Texas to the Laurentian Highlands in Canada, and eastward from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to the humid, fertile lowlands of the Midwest.

The first published map incorporating the discoveries of Lewis and Clark was compiled by Samuel Lewis, a noted Philadelphia mapmaker, from William Clark's large manuscript map of the West. Appointed superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis in 1807 and governor of Missouri Territory in 1813, Clark continued to update his large master map of the West by interviewing fur trappers and explorers upon their return to St. Louis. The published version of Clark's map is the first to show the existence of the Black Hills of South Dakota and other outlying mountains of the northern plains, and it provides the most accurate portrayal of the river systems of the Great Plains for the period. It was published in History of the Expedition under the Command of Captains Lewis and Clark, *edited by Nicolas Biddle, and issued in Philadelphia in 1814.*

Mounted in five sections, the display represents the major phases of North American plains' mapping. The sections include maps of North America by 16th-century European cosmographers and geographers based on imagination and mythical accounts; maps by French, English, and American explorers derived from native accounts and personal observation; maps prepared by soldiers for military purposes; detailed, large scale map series initiated by Federal mapping agencies in the United States and Canada; and commercial maps used for display, travel promotion, and business purposes.

Although most of the maps in this exhibition are from the collections of the Library of Congress, several are drawn from other public and private collections in the United States and Canada—the National Archives of the United States, Public Archives of Canada, Yale University, and the Joslyn Art Museum. A portion of the exhibition was originally displayed this spring at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in the gallery of the Center for Great Plains Studies to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Prince Maximilian's expedition to the plains. Ralph Ehrenberg, assistant chief of the Geography and Map Division, served as curator of the exhibition.

The "Mapping the North American Plains" exhibition will be open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. weekdays and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Library Visitors during June

From Abroad

Bangladesh—Asma Serajuddin, professor of history, University of Chittagong, Chittagong.

Bolivia—Mariano Baptista Gumucio, Ambassador to the United States, Washington, D.C.

Brazil—Caio Nelson Vono de Azevedo, legal advisor to the president, National Bank of Cooperative Credit, Ministry of Agriculture, Brazilia; Ataliba Teixeira de Castilho, professor of linguistics, State University of Campines, São Paulo.

Bulgaria—Ivanka Nedeva-Dimitrova, professor of historiography and international relations, Institute of Balkan Studies, Sofia.

Chile—Maria Luisa Arenas, deputy director of automation, Catholic University of Chile Library, Santiago.

Cyprus—Zaim Nejatigil, attorney general, Nicosia.

Dominican Republic—H. E. Carlos Despradel, Ambassador to the United States, Washington, D.C.

El Salvador—Carmen De Blanco, director, National Library, San Salvador.

On Wednesday, June 22, Carmen Romero de González, the wife of the President of Spain, visited the Library of Congress and presented the Library with a gift of a collection of color slides and a cassette tape devoted to the life and times of José Ortega y Gassei. Pictured looking at the slides are (left to right) Odette Juárez de Puga, private secretary to Sra. González; William Carter, chief of the Hispanic Division; Javier Malagón, cultural attaché of the Embassy of Spain; Daniel J. Boorstin, The Librarian of Congress; and Sra. González.

A special visitor from Tulsa, Okla., Scott Brewster, called on Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin on June 21. Young Mr. Brewster (second from the left) came to the Library to express his appreciation in person to The Librarian for having access to many of the services of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH). Partially sighted, Mr. Brewster gave his thanks for being able to use such aids as the large print publications and the talking books available to those in special need. Pictured above are (left to right) The Librarian, Mr. Brewster, his mother, Patty Brewster, Jackie Wintle of NLS/BPH, and Mr. Brewster's grandmother, Ona Jean Allison.

England—Jacques Sassoon, head of subject groups, British Library, Science Reference Library, London.

Federal Republic of Germany—Volker Kroening, member, Bremen Parliament.

France—Pascal Sanz, curator and chief, Department of Studies and Common Actions, Ministry of Culture; Genevieve Simonot, curator, Directorate of Museum Libraries and Scientific and Technical Information, Ministry of National Education; Georges-Eric Touchard, principal administrator of senate services, Paris.

Hungary—Sandor Fedinecz, head, Department of International Health; Eva Szalki, librarian, University of Economics; Dezso Toth, deputy minister, Ministry of Culture and Education, Budapest.

India—Krishna Iyer Narayanan, news editor, *The Hindu*, Madras.

Israel—Abdul Al-Odeh, assistant librarian, Jerusalem University, Jerusalem; Feras Sawalha, director, Rural Research Center, An-Najah National University, West Bank; Elisheva Yaron, director, Humanities and Social Science Library, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Italy—Giulio Giustiniani, special features editor, *La Nazione*, Florence.

Japan—Kimiko Hiroi, chair, Advisory Committee on Women's Affairs, Hokkaido; Masako Maruyama, assistant chief, Statutes and Parliamentary Documents Section, National Diet Library, Tokyo; Yoshie Ota, director of personnel division, Ministry of Labor, Tokyo; Soken Togami, professor of sociology, Ryukoku University, Kyoto.

Maldives—Ismail Shafeeu, undersecretary, Ministry of Planning and Development, Male.

People's Republic of China—Li Bing-de, president, Northwest Teacher's College, Lanzhou-Ganzu; Sun S. C., deputy secretary general, National Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing; Ni Yaoli, deputy director of American Affairs, Office of Foreign Affairs, Beijing.

Philippines—Reynold Fajardo, chief executive officer, Citizens Legal Assistance Office, Manila.

Republic of South Africa—Deon Geldenhuys, associate professor of political science, Rand Afrikaans University; Zebulon Kheswa, chief inspector of education, Ulundi, KwaZulu.

Romania—Constantin Ionescu, art critic and editor, Foreign Languages Press, Bucharest.

South Korea—Tak Sung, head, Processing Acquisitions Bureau, National Assembly Library, Seoul.

STAFF NEWS

New Assignments Made in Overseas Operations Division

James C. Armstrong, field director of the Library of Congress office in Nairobi, Kenya, for the past six years, has returned to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., on rotational assignment. Mr. Armstrong will serve as assistant chief of the Overseas Operations Division during his one-year assignment in Washington.

James C. Armstrong

Alice Kniskern

Alice Kniskern has recently been named program officer in the Overseas Operations Division. Miss Kniskern, who served as assistant field director for special materials in the New Delhi office from 1976 to 1981, has been assistant to the chief of the division since her return to Washington in 1981.

Jerald Maddox, Elena Millie Are Awarded 20-Year Pins

Jerald C. Maddox, curator of photography, and Elena G. Millie, curator of posters, recently received their 20-year Federal Service Award pins at a divisional luncheon in the Prints and Photographs Division. The presentations were made by Renata V. Shaw, acting chief of the division.

Mr. Maddox joined the Library staff in 1966 as curator of photography. He organized the Master Photographs Collection by separating outstanding photographs into a special group within the division.

Renata Shaw, Elena Millie, and Jerald Maddox

With the increased interest in photography, this has become a very popular segment of the visual collections.

Mrs. Millie began her Federal career with the National Gallery of Art in 1963 and came to the Library the following year. She has developed a special expertise in posters and has enlarged and organized the collection during her years at the Library.

Margaret Wells Earns 20-Year Pin

Margaret P. Wells, senior clerk for projects in the Projects Unit, Public Services Section, Photoduplication Service, was awarded a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on June 15 by Mary Ann Ferrarese, assistant chief for bibliographic services. Colleagues marked the occasion with a reception in the division office.

Mrs. Wells joined the staff of the Library as a

Deadline Set for Ordering Photograph of Senior Staff

Staff members wishing to order copies of the Library's official photograph of its top management that appeared in this section of July 4 LC *Information Bulletin* should visit the Information Office (LM 103), where they can consult the price list and sign up for a copy of the picture. Orders should be placed by **Friday, August 12.**

clerk in the Public Services Section in October 1968. She received promotions in April 1969 and October 1971 and was promoted to her present position in November 1976. Mrs. Wells' performance has been recognized by outstanding performance ratings in 1976, 1978, 1980, 1981, and 1982 and a quality increase in 1979.

A native of Massachusetts, Mrs. Wells' Federal service includes five years with the WAVES from 1944 to 1949.

Staff Activities

Elemer Bako, Finno-Ugrian area specialist in the European Division, was the featured speaker at a commemorative program on June 25 presented jointly by the American Hungarian Federation, a nationwide organization of Americans of Hungarian descent, and the Lorantffy Center of the Hungarian Reformed Church of Akron, Ohio. The program marked the 400th anniversary of the tragic death of Stephen Parmenius of Buda (1555–1583), theologian, poet, librarian, and scholar, who participated as literary chronicler in the second expedition of Sir Humphrey Gilbert and lost his life, with more than 100 others, in a shipwreck near Nova Scotia on August 29, 1583. Parmenius was the first Hungarian to reach the shores of the American continent.

A bronze plaque, suggested by Dr. Bako and executed by American-Hungarian sculptor Csaba A. Kur of Cleveland, Ohio, was unveiled in the presence of the delegates to the national convention of the American Hungarian Federation, which celebrated its own 75th anniversary in Akron on June 24–26.

Ranjan Borra of Southern Asia Section, Asian Division, was a participant in the 17th annual Bengal Studies Conference held at the Institute of World Affairs, Salisbury, Conn., on June 3–5. The Bengal Studies group is a subgroup of the Association for Asian Studies. Through various panels that included papers and discussions, the conference focused on the various aspects of social, cultural, political, and economic life in West Bengal and Bangladesh.

John Y. Cole, executive director of the Center for the Book, has been named the 1983 Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Washington School of Librarianship. Dr. Cole graduated from the School of Librarianship in 1963 and joined the staff of the Library of Congress in 1966 following service with the U.S. Army.

Beverly Gray, head of the African Section, African and Middle Eastern Division, is the author of an article, "Africana Library Resources," that appears in *Ethnic Collections in Libraries,* edited by E. J. Josey and Marva L. DeLoach (New York, Neal-Schuman Publishers, 1983. pp. 246–269). The article discusses the development of African studies and Africana librarianship in the United States, problems encountered in acquiring Africana materials and their bibliographic control, and the future development and cooperative efforts of Africana collections. Also included is a selected annotated list of major U.S. Africana collections.

Jessica R. Harding and **William R. Nugent,** Automated Systems Office, gave an invited presentation and demonstration on "Optical Storage of Documents and Images" at the Technology Opportunity Conference, sponsored by Optical Memory Newsletter, which took place in Washington, D.C., on June 14–16. Ms. Harding presented an overview of Library of Congress activities in this area, and Mr. Nugent discussed the technologies involved in the six current forms of optical storage and described the Library's projects using digital optical disks. Ms. Harding described the Library's projects using analog video disks and the new audio compact disks and concluded with a demonstration of "The Computer Cowboy," an interactive and computer-controlled adaptation by ASO of the video disk "Autumn Work on the 96 Ranch" produced by the American Folklife Center for the current exhibition, "The American Cowboy."

Jerome Y. Roaché, legal information technician in Office of the Law Librarian, has been awarded a three-year tuition scholarship to attend the Law School of the University of Texas at Austin. He will begin his studies in late August.

Sherlock Searcher, On the Ladder of Success

Well, not exactly **on** the ladder, and not really successful sometimes, either. You may think books to be mere passive vehicles for the transmission of concepts, knowledge, lore, beauty, and so forth, but Sherlock knows that some of them are elusive little devils as well, and defensive of their right to be lost. Those listed here, for example, repeatedly requested by readers, have escaped the nearly flawless system in the Library and are hiding out somewhere off their shelves and not charged in the Central Charge File. If you know where any of them have concealed themselves, please contact Sherlock in Alcove 7,

Main Reading Room, or call him on ext. 77427. Our patrons would also be grateful.

- Davis, James R.
  The Terrorists: Youth, Biker, and Prison Violence. 1978. HV6432.D38

- Edwards, Harry.
  The Revolt of the Black Athlete. 1969. GV53.E34

- Euthanasia Society.
  A Plan for Voluntary Euthanasia. . . . 1962. R726.E793 1962

- Howard, Milton.
  McCarthyism and the Big Lie. 1953. E743.5.H69

- James, Muriel.
  Born to Win: Transactional Analysis with Gestalt Experiences. 1971. RC489.T7J35

- Lange, Arthur J.
  Responsible Assertive Behavior: Cognitive/Behavioral Procedures for Trainers. 1976. BF575.A85L35

- Lebowitz, Fran.
  Metropolitan Life. 1978. AC8.L379 1978

- United States. Warren Commission.
  The Witnesses. 1965. E842.9.A56 E842.9.A562

- Wilson, Edward Osborne.
  Sociobiology: The New Synthesis. 1975. QL775.W54

- Wolfe, Tom.
  The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test. 1968. HV5825.W56

Roland L. Freeman Addresses Murray Association Program

Speaking to a capacity audience, the internationally noted photographer Roland L. Freeman presented a lecture and slide show for the Daniel A. P. Murray Afro-American Culture Association program on May 26. His lecture, entitled "Photo Documentation for Historic Preservation," included a selection of slides taken while he was director of the Mississippi Folklife Project during the 1970s.

Mr. Freeman's presentation showed rural people carrying on the folkways of an earlier age: farmers plowing the land with horse-drawn plows and crafts people and artisans engaged in basketmaking,

Roland L. Freeman

quiltmaking, blacksmithing, and woodcarving. One artisan made horse collars from Spanish moss or corn shucks. In all his examples, the workmanship was impeccable. Yet, as Annie Dennis, a quilter, observed, the designs were not necessarily intricate or original, but the quilts were conceived as "something to keep you warm." So it was with most objects shown.

They were made primarily for utilitarian purposes.

Mr. Freeman is equally adept at capturing folkloric elements of urban inner city environments and those of rural environments. He attributes his ability to understand and appreciate people from less developed areas to his childhood experiences, working on an uncle's tobacco farm. His photographs focus on ordinary people, "plain folks," unabashedly proud, although economically deprived.

The audience included employees from all parts of the Library in addition to Murray Association members.

Birth Announcement

Katherine and John Kowalczyk are the parents of a son, Michael Alexander, born on July 8 at Fairfax Hospital in Virginia. Mrs. Kowalczyk is a preliminary cataloger in the Shared Cataloging Division, and Mr. Kowalczyk is with the U.S. Department of Defense. They are also the parents of a son, Nicholas.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Patricia Alberts, editorial assistant, GS–5, CRS ENR, 30241; Michelle Duggan, programmer, GS–11, User Applications Office, 30102; Clifton Long, mail clerk-messenger, GS–2, CS, 30229; Robert Mason, computer operator, GS–5, Com Serv, 30194; George Toth, cataloger, GS-9, Share Cat, 30040.

Temporary Appointments: Angela Bloom, library aid, GS–1, FRD, NP; Karen Garlick, conservator (paper), GS–7, Preserv, NP; Traci Gray, clerk-typist, GS–1, Cop Lic, NP; Elizabeth Kelleher, secretary (typing), GS-6, Res, NP; Lynn Kidder, conservator aid, GS–4, Preserv, NP; George Kipper, vault/collection attendant, WG–3, M/B/RS, NP; Stephen Larsen, archives technician, GS–4, Mss, NP; Brad McCoy, vault/collection attendant, WG–3, M/B/RS, NP; Lisa Mednick, deck attendant, GS–3, Col Mgmt, G113Z; Barbara Nickerson, deck attendant, GS–3, Col Mgmt, G113Z; Warren Rosmarin, legal reference assistant, GS–9, LL AB, NP; Evelyn Shilling, library aid, GS–1, Subj Cat, NP; Laverne Stevenson, worker-trainee, GS–1, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Phyzell Stewart, clerk-typist, GS–1, Cop Lic, NP; Annie Williams, accounting clerk, GS–4, Cop Acq & Proc, 30300; TeVerra Young, clerk-typist, GS–1, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Marcia Zisserson, library aid, GS–3, Proc Desc Pol, NP.

Reappointment: Marian Johnson, MARC name authority verifier trainee, GS–6, MARC Ed, 30208.

Temporary Reappointments: Linda Blaser, conservator (rare bookbinder), GS–9, Preserv, NP; Emery Lewis, library technician trainee, GS–4, Mus, NP.

Promotions: Karen Berube, Adm Serv, to peripheral equipment operator (typist), GS–5, Sci, 30265; David Brumbaugh, to analyst in public finance, GS–7, CRS E, 30069; Kevin Curtin, Photodup, to systems accountant, GS–9, FMO, 30192; William McColl, to assistant laborer foreman, WS–4, Bldgs, 30288; John Martin, to head, Examining and Processing Section, GS–11, Cop Lic, 30293; Carol Winfree, Subj Cat, to peripheral equipment operator, GS–5, Sci, 30265.

Resignations: Karl Bloom, Desc Cat; Mary Bloom, FRD; Donald Charlson, Bldgs; Joseph Howard, Proc; Gail Markowitz, P&P.

Gilbert Gude, Director of the Congressional Research Service and a member of Trinity College President's Council, gave a luncheon in the spring for Congresswoman Barbara Bailey Kennelly of Connecticut and Sister Donna Jurick, S.N.D., president of Trinity College, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Kennelly received both her bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Trinity College. Also present were Trinity alumnae from the Congressional Research Service: Patricia Hennessey, congressional inquiry administrator, Office of Assignment, Reference and Special Services; Kathleen Swendiman, legislative attorney, American Law Division; and Vikki Zegel, section head and specialist in life sciences, Science Policy Research Division. Those pictured above are (left to right) Sister Donna Jurick, Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly, Gilbert Gude, Vikki Zegel, Patricia Hennessey, and Kathleen Swendiman.

Spain—Gabriel Camunas Solis, member of Parliament and vice president of the Popular Alliance Party, Madrid.

Sri Lanka—Neville Patrick Nanayakkara, government printer, Colombo.

Thailand—Wiwat Mungkandi, director, American Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok; Nuanchan Ratanakorn, lecturer in library science, Ramkhamhaeng University, Bangkok; Marasri Sivaraksa, librarian, Bangkok Bank.

Tunisia—Mohamed Gasmi, computer systems manager, Arab League Documentation Center, Tunis.

Yugoslavia—Slobodan Maksimovic, acting director, Institute of Economics, Sarajevo.

From the United States

American Jewish Congress Elder Seminar Participants, Washington, D.C.

Catonsville (Md.) Community College Librarians.

Blue Gudekunst, head, Humanities Library, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Howard University Press Book Publishing Institute, Washington, D.C.

Jo Ellen Ostendorf, director, Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and Gloria Lemaster, director, Sub Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Talladega, Ala.

Susan Smith, librarian, Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa.

Margarita Studemeister, librarian, specialist for the California Spanish Language Data Base Project, Oakland, Calif.

Library Acquires Soviet Dissertation Abstracts

A Soviet scholar is awarded a graduate degree, that of "kandidat" or of "doktor," after a process that includes a public defense of a thesis. As a means of informing the examining board and others concerned of the contents of each thesis, an abstract (in Russian, "avtoreferat") is published. These abstracts are customarily printed in an edition of only some 200 copies, however, and are not ordinarily made available for distribution outside the degree institution and some of the Soviet libraries of record. Although it may happen that these dissertations form the basis for articles or books, this is not always the case, so that the abstracts at times may be the only printed record of the research that has been done. Because Soviet doctoral degrees are customarily granted to senior scholars who may already have a considerable background in research and publication, and because abstracts at the doctoral level generally provide a bibliography of the scholar's previous writings, these materials may be of considerable research value.

Heretofore, the Library of Congress has acquired only scattered examples of such abstracts. It is apparently still not possible to acquire a full range of such materials. Following some success over the past years, however, the Library has recently acquired from the Lenin State Library microfilm of some 80 dissertation abstracts on the history, culture, economy, and political life of the United States. Among topics treated are the concepts and methodologies of historians Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., Richard Hofstadter, and Louis Hartz, the suffragist movement, U.S.-Bangladesh relations, the muckrakers, the outlook and methods of *Time*, American studies of Soviet history, and congressional influence on foreign policy in the 1970s. Other recent acquisitions of such abstracts have concentrated on themes from American literary history.

Both because of their value for bibliographic information and because of the illustrations they provide of the breadth of Soviet scholarly interest in the

United States, these microfilms will be useful to Library patrons. The films are currently being processed for addition to the resources of the Microform Reading Room. [*Robert V. Allen*]

Library of Congress Publications

Ongoing Publications

Accessions List: Middle East. ISSN 0041–7769. Vol. 20. Annual Index 1982. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director-LOC, American Consulate General, Abdulla Haroon road, Karachi, Pakistan.

Audiovisual Materials. ISSN 0190–9827. 1982 annual volume. (814 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, at a cost of $95 for the 1982 subscription year. As of January 1983, this catalog will be published **in microfiche only.**

Chinese Cooperative Catalog. (Microfiche ed.) ISSN 0095–1072. January–December 1982 cumulation. Available from the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $310 in a bimonthly continuously cumulative microfiche edition. This microfiche publication ceases with this issue. Records in romanized form are included in the new *National Union Catalog: Books* microfiche publication, as of January 1983.

LC Classification—Additions and Changes. ISSN 0041–7912. List 209. January–March 1983. (97 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $50 for the 1983 subscription year, consisting of four quarterly issues or $12.50 a single issue.

Library of Congress Subject Headings in Microform. ISSN 0361–5234. December 1981. Subscriptions to the 1981 cumulative quarterlies in 24X microfiche are available for $60 from the Cataloging Distribution Service.

MARC Serials Editing Guide. Second CONSER ed. July/August 1982, September/October 1982, and November/December 1982 looseleaf bimonthly updates. A subscription to the 1982 bimonthly update service is available for $50. For sale from the Cataloging Distribution Service.

National Level Bibliographic Record—Music. Update No. 2. April 1982. Prepared by Phyllis A. Bruns, Processing Services. This is the second semiannual update to the 1981 edition of the *NLBR—Music*. This update is based on *MARC Formats for Bibliographic Data* update Nos. 4 (September 1981) and 5/6 (December 1981/March 1982). The selling price for this update service for the 1982 subscription year is $15. Available from the Cataloging Distribution Service.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Held by Libraries in the United States and Canada. ISSN 0028–6680. October 1982. (494 p.) November 1982. (351 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at $275 for the 1982 subscription year.

Supplement to Library of Congress Subject Headings. (Book form) January–March 1982. (105 p.) Quarterly cumulative supplement to the ninth edition. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at $50 for the 1982 subscription year.

Who Knows?—Selected Information Resources on Aeronautics and Astronautics. (SL 82–3). August 1982, rev. March 1983. (60 p.) Compiled by John A. Feulner of the National Referral Center, this is a descriptive listing that gives the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other particulars about 104 organizations that are willing to answer questions or provide information on the title topic. Among the particulars given for each organization are its areas of interest, holdings or data files, publications, and information capabilities and services. The material is arranged under NASA, Department of Transportation, Air Force, Army, Navy, and other (including non-U.S.). There is an organization names index. This is the third title issued under the new series name *Who Knows?* Similar compilations from the National Referral Center have appeared in the past under the title *NRC Switchboard* or, more recently, without a series title. Copies may be obtained free on request from the Library of Congress, National Referral Center, Washington, D.C. 20540, provided that requesters enclose a self-addressed mailing label.

APPENDIX

Report on the Visit from Representatives of the National Library of Canada at the Library of Congress
May 11–13, 1983

On Wednesday, May 11, a meeting was held in the Wilson Room with staff members from the National Library of Canada and the Library of Congress to exchange ideas on standards and networking and certain bibliographic activities affecting the two institutions.

The first individual session, chaired by Henriette Avram, focused on standards and networking activities, format and record conversion, MINISIS, UNIMARC, standards for ordering, and tape exchange. The first major topic discussed dealt with UNIMARC, a general effort to encourage national libraries to contribute to an international standardized MARC format rather than their own MARC format or LC MARC. The Library of Congress has hired a consultant to develop specifications for converting LC MARC to UNIMARC. When it is possible to load tapes from other national agencies online, a shared cataloging system can begin whereby Library of Congress catalogers would select records from a resource file made up of international records and these records would be automatically input into the Library's online catalog.

This led to a discussion of the MINISIS system. The feasibility of creating and processing UNIMARC records is being studied. This would enable libraries in developing countries to be more compatible with libraries in developed countries.

Susan Vita brought the group up to date on proposals made by the ANSI Z39 Subcommittee U for a standard format for computerized ordering of books.

The second individual session, chaired by Lucia Rather, focused on bibliographic activities. A six- to eight-week exchange program between Dewey sections in the Library of Congress and NLC in order to develop a more universal handling of Dewey classification was discussed. This type of program was undertaken several years ago with the British Library with positive results. The possibility of finding outside funding will be investigated.

The concept of the LC Cooperative Data Base Project (CODABASE) was also described during the second session. CODABASE would expand the existing Name Authority Cooperative system to include bibliographic records and location records.

The meeting closed with a discussion on expanding the cooperative program dealing with corporate and personal name headings. NLC is already responsible for establishing Canadian corporate headings used in the LC MARC Distribution Service. The Library agreed that in the future it would update its data base whenever NLC changed a Canadian corporate heading. It was proposed that this project be extended to include personal names as well. NLC would search LC authority files in microform. If a full AACR 2 form were found, they would use it. If NLC found a form in the Library that was in conflict with their file, they would add a qualifier to break the conflict. If the Library's form was in error, NLC would request a change be made.

The Library of Congress, on the other hand, in establishing Canadian headings, would utilize Canadian CIP data, and *Canadiana Authorities*. If the heading was not found, the LC cataloger would establish the heading according to AACR 2 rules. In case of conflict, additions would be added to break the conflict.

A six month trial period will start August 1 to see how well this project will work. Mrs. Rather requested four copies of *Canadiana Authorities* in order to implement the project.

The first plenary session, held on Thursday morning, May 12, was devoted to Standards, Bibliographic Activities and Access of Records. Henriette D. Avram chaired the session. She emphasized the importance of the topics in the context of library cooperation and networking. Mrs. Avram suggested that policy aspects and record transfer should be discussed at a later meeting between representatives of the Library and NLC where that would be the only topic and could be taken point by point.

Lucia Rather summarized the agreements reached with NLC with regard to North-South border cooperation as follows: (1) the exchange of Dewey staff will greatly depend on obtaining outside funding; (2) information will be exchanged between NLC and the Library when a Canadian corporate heading is modified; (3) NLC and the Library have agreed to search each other's files before establishing a personal name heading.

Elizabeth Stroup reported on the excellent start of the electronic mail exchange for interlibrary loan requests between the Library and NLC using the ONTYME system. She was very pleased with the initial responses. The Canadians cautioned not to be overly confident in the new system because there are still some problems to be worked out. Edward Buchinski

emphasized the importance of standardization of codes which signal the status of a book, such as: on loan, in bindery, renewal received.

A MARC holdings format was designed at the Library of Congress in 1979 containing a summarized holdings statement. Differences which developed during the work on a detailed level of holdings will be reconciled in a forthcoming Z39 subcommittee meeting. Another Z39 subcommittee is working on nonserial holdings. It has long been recognized that a major problem the Library faces is its lack of an automated collections control system. Recommendations have been presented to the CAP (Committee on Automation Planning) for an automated record keeping system, and a collection control subcommittee has been created to explore possibilities and report findings.

Mrs. Avram reported on the latest activities at the Library with regard to automation. The libraries of Harvard University and University of Chicago have begun to input and update books (monographs) and authority records into the Library's files. The University of Chicago Library plans to input about 40,000 retrospective titles and authority records, part of the merged science, technology, and medical catalogs of the John Crerar and University of Chicago libraries. The Harvard University Libraries plan to input current titles.

Mrs. Avram reported on the successful production of the first issue of the *National Union Catalog* which has been produced using modified Canadian software. The Serial Record Division is presently engaged in testing two serial check-in systems, UCLA and Faxon. Recommendations will be made as soon as all statistics and test data have been evaluated. Other departments, such as CRS and the Copyright Office, have shown interest in the systems and the progress of the testing. Mrs. Rather reported that several new projects, such as inclusion in the MARC systems of music and romanized JACKPHY language materials, will begin soon.

The optical disk pilot program will evaluate, over the next three years, the use of this technology. The Library's exploration of optical digital technology began in the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) with the installment of the DEMAND system. A demonstration of the automated mass storage and retrieval system was offered to the visitors from Canada.

A demonstration of the system which is used by the Loan Division was also offered.

The session was concluded with demonstrations of the online retrieval of bibliographic and name authority records. It is now possible to search eight files simultaneously using any one of six search commands. Also demonstrated were the two serial check-in systems.

The third plenary session, held on Friday morning, May 13, was devoted to Networking and Resource Sharing and application of new technology to library functions. William J. Welsh greeted the Canadian guests and chaired the session. Mr. Welsh reported on the Optical Disk Project at the library and conveyed the great hopes for future storage of material such as most frequently used serials and directories, etc. About 53 million nonprint items will be in the optical disk system one day.

The discussion moved on to the topic of the international MARC distribution service and it was realized that a good deal of time is required to more adequately discuss this topic. Plans call for relevant staff to get together again.

Guy Sylvestre, the National Librarian of Canada, spoke of the need for integration of varied activities, such as electronic mail and document delivery.

The question of fees for data base service and use was raised by the Canadian visitors. It was felt that this question has never been thoroughly addressed and that different practices were being followed.

Session number three, held on Friday afternoon, May 13, was devoted to technical aspects of systems and automation planning. During this session, the Canadian visitors raised questions concerning the Library's systems and automation planning. Is the Library using microprocessors in addition to minis? What plans has the Library for microprocessors use, such as the capture of cataloging statistics, interoffice electronic mail within the Library, and input/update via micro rather than main-frame. Studies are conducted at the Library with regard to the full use of the Compucorp as a microprocessor rather than as only a word processor. Another study conducted in the Card Distribution Service attempts to determine the change in the CDS user population.

Justin Kniemeyer explained the structure of Committee on Automation Planning priorities and their relationship to ASO priorities to the visitors.

The visitors showed interest in APLO's Data Dictionary production as a tool to be used by all units involved with the design, production, and maintenance of a data base. The afternoon session ended with a genuine feeling that both institutions, north and south of the border, face similar and very different problems in their attempt to build, maintain, and enhance their automated systems. [*Sigrid Harriman*]

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